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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Hideaki YAMANAKA et al.

Application No.: 09/944,193

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Group Art Unit: 1773

Examiner: H. Rickman

Docket No.: 110538

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LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR

MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM AND MAGNETIC RECORDING APPARATUS.

CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicant(s) hereby request(s) continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 162522 in the amount of \$\infty\$ \$790.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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